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Subject: Kenneocott Humboldt Mill Bentoite Loss

Kristen Mariuzza from Kenneocott reported that they lost some bentonite slurry to the marsh north of the Humboldt Pit. They are installing a slurry wall as a requirement of their Part 632 permit. While pumping slurry into the trench, they noticed the level dropped. The slurry daylighted in the marsh, about 250' north of the slurry trench. They are going to install some type of silt barrier in the marsh to contain the bentonite for later recovery. The contractor is going to thicken the slurry in order to plug the leak. Smo, if any 303 permitting for the recovery/silt barrier is required, please call Kristen at 486-1257 x 229. Randy, please take the lead for WRD for this unauthorized (spill) discharge to waters of the state.

Thanks

Kenneocott Humboldt NPDES file

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